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ATRIP Status Report: Mobile County Officials report progress on 17 local road and bridge projects

Mobile, Alabama – ATRIP, the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, is making an ATRIP total of \$50,233,050.08 impact in Mobile County, and significant progress has already been made on the 15 road and 2 bridge projects throughout the area, Mobile Commission Vice-Chairman Connie Hudson will announce at a 10 a.m. press conference, Wednesday, October 9, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Mobile Government Plaza.

"We want everyone in Mobile County to understand the profound impact of ATRIP on our area and on your ability to get to school and work. These improvements will immediately benefit our citizens and our economy, and I'd like to personally thank Gov. Robert Bentley for this wise investment in our local transportation system," Hudson said.

The Mobile County news conference will be part of a series of ATRIP Status Report events organized by counties throughout the state.

Gov. Robert Bentley established ATRIP in 2012 to help local government fund necessary road and bridge improvements. The program, funded by bonds that will be paid with future federal dollars, requires local governments to put up minimum match funding of 20 percent. For counties unable to meet the match requirement, a companion program called the Rural Assistance Match Program, or RAMP, was created. RAMP ensured that ATRIP would benefit all 67 counties across the state.

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ATRIP Status Report: Mobile County (continued)

"ATRIP is making a difference in every county across Alabama by allowing much-needed road and bridge improvement projects to move forward," said Gov. Bentley. "We're improving public safety, and we're also helping attract more jobs. When companies look for places to build and expand and hire more people, they look for places that have good roads and bridges."

With the projects announced in the October ATRIP Status Reports, an estimated \$966 million in ATRIP dollars is being invested in more than 1,000 local transportation infrastructure projects. ATRIP, which is administered by the Alabama Department of Transportation, is expected to generate more than 15,000 jobs.

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